

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 were pending at the mailing of this office action. Claims 10-18 were subject to a restriction requirement and constructively withdrawn from consideration in the office action of 10/03/2006 for being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 10-18 are currently canceled. Claims 1, 7-9 are currently amended. Therefore, claims 1-9 are currently pending, with claim 1 being independent.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for allegedly not complying with the written description requirement. This contention is respectfully traversed.

35 U.S.C. 112 – Claims 1-9

Claims 1-9 comply with the written description requirement because the original specification supports the claimed subject matter. For example, amended claim 1 is supported by the written description of Fig. 5 and the corresponding description on page 8, lines 1-20 in the originally-filed specification. The amendments to claim 1 do not add new matter.

Specifically, the recited feature of claim 1 recites that “each of the first and the second sets of differential switches comprises of a pair of complementary gate-controlled transistors.” Each of the first and the second sets of differential switches comprises pairs of complementary gate-controlled transistors is amply supported in the specification by the switch pairs (*e.g.*, switch pairs 129 and 130, pairs 131 and 132, pairs 133 and 134, and pairs 135 and 136), as shown in Fig. 5. Hence, claim 1 complies with the written description requirement.

Claims 2-9 are patentable for at least depending on an allowable base claim. Applicant asks that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn and claims 1-9 be placed in condition for allowance.

Priority to Provisional Application

Applicant's representative called the examiner on 03/05/2007 to confirm that the current nonprovisional application was given the benefit of priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/431,979 filed on 12/10/2002 to David H. Shen. The examiner confirmed that the application was given the priority date of the provisional application.

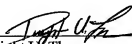
Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, the Applicant believes that claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance and asks that these pending claims be allowed. The foregoing comments made with respect to the positions taken by the Examiner are not to be construed as acquiescence with other positions of the Examiner that have not been explicitly contested. Accordingly, Applicant's arguments for patentability of a claim should not be construed as implying that there are not other valid reasons for patentability of that claim or other claims.

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